

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a search query;

performing a search₁ in response to the search query₁ ~~to determine which documents are related to the search query, the search being performed,~~ on a database including a plurality of document categories[[],] to obtain a list of search results corresponding to each of ~~at least two of the document categories, the plurality of document categories including an image category;~~

ranking the ~~lists of search results~~ document categories relative to one another based on a content of documents in each of the lists of search results; and

generating a document in which the list of search results corresponding to each of at least two of the document categories ~~are placed in an organization determined based, at least in part, are presented in sections by category based~~ on the ranking of the ~~lists of search results~~ at least two of the document categories, where a first section of the generated document corresponding to a higher ranking one of the at least two of the document categories is more prominently presented within the generated document than a second section of the generated document corresponding to a lower ranking one of the at least two of the document categories.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, ~~wherein~~ where the generated document includes the search results as hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) links.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1, ~~wherein~~ where the ~~more highly ranked lists of search results are displayed in sections that include first~~ section includes more links of the search results than are included in the sections ~~corresponding to the less highly ranked lists of search results~~ second section.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, ~~wherein~~ where at least one of the sections includes a title describing the category corresponding to the at least one section.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, ~~wherein~~ where at least one of the sections includes a link to additional search results for the category corresponding to the at least one section.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the generated document is a web page.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where ranking the ~~lists of search results~~ document categories is ~~performed further~~ based on the search query.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, ~~wherein a most highly ranked list of search results is displayed~~ where the first section is presented on a left hand side of the generated document.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the document categories ~~additionally~~ include at least one of a news category, an image category, or a product category.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the document categories ~~additionally~~ include a general web page category.

14. (currently amended) A search engine implemented within a computer device, comprising:

a search component configured to ~~identify which documents are related to~~ use a search query from a user to search a database including a plurality of document categories, ~~the search component obtaining and obtain~~ a list of search results corresponding to each of ~~at least two of~~ the document categories;

a ranking component configured to rank the ~~lists of search results~~ document categories relative to one another, ~~the ranking being~~ based on a comparison of the search

query to contents of documents in the list of search results corresponding to each of the at least two of the document categories; and

an interface generation component configured to generate a document in which the list of search results corresponding to each of the document categories are organized based, at least in part, is presented in sections by category based on the ranking of the lists of search results document categories, where a first section of the generated document corresponding to a higher ranking one of the document categories is more prominently presented within the generated document than a second section of the generated document corresponding to a lower ranking one of the categories.

15-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The search engine of claim [[15]] 14, ~~wherein~~ where at least one of the sections includes a link to additional search results for the category corresponding to the section.

18. (currently amended) The search engine of claim 14, ~~wherein~~ where the generated document is a web page.

19-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A ~~method of organizing documents categorized into a plurality of categories, the method system~~ comprising:

means for receiving a search query from a user;

means for performing a search in response to the search query in each of [[the]] a plurality of document categories to identify ~~locate~~ the documents;

means for ranking the plurality of document categories relative to one another based on contents of the identified documents [[in]] associated with each of the document categories, ~~the ranking also including looking for terms in the search query that tend to indicate a particular document category is likely to be related to the search query;~~ and

means for generating a results document in which lists of the identified documents associated with the plurality of document categories are organized presented in a plurality of separate sections by category, ~~and in which the documents of~~ where higher ranking ones of the document categories are more prominently placed in the results document than are lower ranking ones of the document categories.

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the lists of the identified documents ~~are placed in the results document as~~ comprise hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) links.

24. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim 23, ~~wherein~~ where the HTTP links of the higher ranking document categories are ~~displayed~~ in sections of the

results document that include more HTTP links than the HTTP links included in sections of the results document corresponding to links of the lower ranking document categories.

25. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the results document includes titles describing the document categories.

26. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the results document includes links to additional search results for at least one of the document categories.

27. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the results document is a web page.

28-29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing programming instructions for execution by a processor, the computer-readable medium including comprising:

instructions ~~for receiving input~~ to search documents categorized into a plurality of document categories in response to a search query received from a user, the plurality of categories including an image category;

instructions ~~for ranking to rank~~ the document categories corresponding to the ~~input~~ documents based on contents of identified ones of the input documents in each of the categories; and

instructions ~~for generating to generate~~ a results document in which lists of the identified input documents corresponding to at least two of the document categories are organized presented in separate sections of the results document by category, and in which the input documents of where the section corresponding to a higher ranking one of the at least two of the document categories [[are]] is more prominently placed in the results document than the section corresponding to a lower ranking one of the at least two of the document categories.

31. (canceled)

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where ranking the ~~lists of search results relative to one another~~ document categories includes:

calculating values that define a closeness of a comparison of the search query to the documents in each of the lists of search results; and

ranking the ~~lists of search results~~ document categories based on the calculated values.

33. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, where the instructions ~~for ranking to rank the input documents based on contents of the input documents in each of the categories~~ document categories further ~~includes~~ include:

instructions ~~for calculating~~ to calculate values that define a closeness of a comparison of [[a]] the search query to the identified ~~input~~ documents in each of the document categories; and

instructions ~~for ranking~~ to rank the document categories based on the calculated values.

34. (new) The method of claim 1, where the first section presents a textual snippet associated with each of the listed search results corresponding to the higher ranking document category and the second section does not present a textual snippet associated with each of the listed search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category.

35. (new) The method of claim 1, where the second section presents:
no links to individual ones of the documents in the list of the search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category,
an indication of a number of the documents in the list of the search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category, and
a link to the list of the search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category.

36. (new) The method of claim 1, where the ranking the document categories relative to one another comprises ranking the document categories independent of a total number of the documents in each of the lists of the search results.

37. (new) The search engine of claim 14, where the first section presents a textual snippet associated with each of the listed search results corresponding to the higher ranking document category and the second section does not present a textual snippet associated with each of the listed search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category.

38. (new) The search engine of claim 14, where the second section presents:
no links to individual ones of the documents in the list of the search results
corresponding to the lower ranking document category,

an indication of a number of the documents in the list of the search results
corresponding to the lower ranking document category, and

a link to the list of the search results corresponding to the lower ranking document
category.

39. (new) The search engine of claim 14, where the documents in the list of
the search results corresponding to the lower ranking document category outnumber the
documents in the list of the search results corresponding to the higher ranking document
category.

40. (new) The system of claim 21, where the means for generating the results
document is configured to present a first one of the plurality of sections corresponding to
a first one of the plurality of document categories, a second one of the plurality of

sections corresponding to a second one of the plurality of document categories, and a third one of the plurality of sections corresponding to a first one of the plurality of document categories using at least three different levels of prominence.

41. (new) The system of claim 40, where the first section presents a textual snippet associated with each of the listed search results for the first document category, the second section presents links to individual ones of the documents in the list of identified documents for the second document category, and the third section presented presents a link to the list of the identified documents for the third document category.

42. (new) The system of claim 41, where at least one of the first section, the second section, or the third section includes an indication of a number of the documents in the list of the identified documents for the corresponding document category.

43. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, where the identified documents corresponding to the lower ranking document category outnumber the identified documents corresponding to the higher ranking document category.

44. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, where the section corresponding to the lower ranking document category presents:

no links to individual ones of the identified documents in the list of the identified documents corresponding to the lower ranking document category,

an indication of a number of the identified documents in the list of the identified documents corresponding to the lower ranking document category, and

a link to the list of the identified documents corresponding to the lower ranking document category.